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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals, Clinics, Maternal Health Centers, Screening Centers, Family Planning Agencies and Home Health Agencies

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program: Administration Code Changes

EFFECTIVE: December 1, 2012

The IME is aware of the change in definition for the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 90460 and 90461 describing vaccine administration and counseling for children ages 0-18. This change has resulted in payments that may exceed the VFC regional vaccine administration fee cap rates.

Effective December 1, 2012, the IME will be implementing changes to reduce the maximum reimbursement rates for these two CPT codes to allow Iowa Medicaid to follow the CPT coding convention and stay within the Medicaid regional vaccine administration fee cap.

For reimbursement to process correctly it is important to list all the vaccine codes on claim lines before the administration codes. Every vaccine administered has one component and many vaccines may have second and even subsequent components. The total vaccine components should be indicated as the units for administration CPT codes 90460 and 90461 divided in the following way:

- ◆ CPT 90460 should list one unit for each vaccine administered (each "needle stick") and billed at the providers usual and customary charges. CPT 90460 will be paid at the current vaccine administration cap of \$14.58.
- ◆ CPT 90461 should be billed for informational purposes only and billed at \$0.00 indicating any remaining components. CPT 90461 will be denied.
- ◆ Note: Procedure codes 90471 and 90472 will be considered duplicates of 90460 for the same vaccine on the same claim.

Example: A member receives two vaccines consisting of a total of eight components. This would be billed as:

Claim Line	CPT code	Description	Units and Note
1	90707	Vaccine	One Unit (containing three components)
2	90698	Vaccine	One Unit (containing five components)
3	90460	Administration	Two Units (two "needle sticks")
4	90461	Additional Components	Six Units (additional vaccine components)

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.